

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 15-18 are present in the case. A Final Rejection was mailed in the present case on June 16, 2006. The Examiner indicated that the case was in condition for allowance, except for the following formal matters:

1. Withdrawn Claims 1-10 should be canceled as not being drawn to the elected invention.
2. Claim 11 was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112 in that the added phrase "to provide a wind load capable snap fit for the front and rear frame members" was grammatically incorrect and had no clear meaning.

Applicant has, in this amendment, canceled non-elected Claims 1-10 without prejudice toward filing a divisional application.

Applicant has also amended Claim 11 to remove the objectionable language quoted above. That phrase of the claim now reads "providing snap-fit engagement elements about the peripheries of the front and rear window frame members which snap together in mating fashion by pressing the front and rear window frame members together." This language is thought to clearly express the function of the snap elements and is clearly supported by the original Specification and Drawings.

Note that Applicant also amended line 21 of Claim 11 and line 18 of Claim 15 to replace the wording "pressing the inner and outer window frame members together" with the wording "pressing the front and rear window frame members together." These amendments were made merely to correct the antecedent basis problem in the wording and do not change the substantive content of the claim language.

Title 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116 states, in part:

(a) An amendment after final action must comply with § 1.114 or this section.

(b) After a final rejection or other final action (§ 1.113) in an application or in an ex parte reexamination filed under § 1.510, or an action closing prosecution (§ 1.949) in an inter partes reexamination filed under § 1.913, but before or on the same date of filing an appeal (§ 41.31 or § 41.61 of this title):

(1) An amendment may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form expressly set forth in a previous Office action;

(2) An amendment presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal may be admitted; or

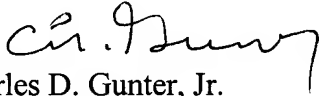
(3) An amendment touching the merits of the application or patent under reexamination may be admitted upon a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the amendment is necessary and was not earlier presented.

Claims 11 and 15-18 are now thought to be in condition for allowance. Since Applicant's amendments merely cancel the non-elected claims and address certain other matters of form, entry of the Amendment After Final Rejection is respectfully requested. This response is being submitted within two months of the date of mailing of the Final Rejection in order to give the Examiner time to consider entry of the amendment.

Since this response is being timely submitted, no further fee is thought to be due at this time. If any additional fee is due for the continued prosecution of this application, please charge the same to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 50-2555 (Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer, LLP).

Respectfully submitted,

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